

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace

all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1        1. (Currently amended)        A pressurized wheel hub for a trailer having at least one  
2        axle, comprising: a wheel hub having bearings that are rotatably securable to the axle;  
3        seals between said wheel hub and said axle, said seals forming a closed air space around  
4        said bearings; and an annular pneumatic chamber which is coaxially disposed on the axle  
5        having an inlet adapted for fluidly coupling to a source of pressurized air and an outlet  
6        coupled to said closed air space, said source of pressurized air maintaining between 1psi  
7        and 30 psi in said closed air space.

1        2. (Original) The pressurized wheel hub according to claim 1 including a means for  
2        measuring the amount of pressurized air placed within closed air space.

1        3. (Original) The pressurized wheel hub according to claim 2 wherein said means for  
2        measuring is further defined as pressure gauge providing a visual indication of the  
3        pressurized air whereby a breached seal condition within the wheel hub can be detected.

1     4. (Original) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 3, wherein said air pressure gauge  
2     includes a dial face and a pressure indicating needle moving relative to said dial face in  
3     direct relation to the air pressure within said closed air system.

1     5. (Original) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 3, wherein said air pressure gauge  
includes a color coded dial face capable of indicating safe operation of the wheel hub.

1     6. (Currently amended) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 1, wherein said means for  
2     fluidly coupling is further defined as a an annular pneumatic chamber ~~annular~~ which is  
3     coaxially disposed along an end of said axle having an inlet located outside said seal and  
4     an outlet located within said closed air space.

1     7. (Currently amended) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 5, wherein said air  
2     pressure gauge is fluidly coupled to said ~~pressurized wheel hub aperture~~ closed air  
3     space.

1     8. (Canceled)

1     9. (Currently amended) The pressurized wheel hub of ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein said  
2     pneumatic chamber is coupled to a DC air compressor located on the ~~boat~~ trailer.

1     10. (Original) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 8, wherein said pneumatic chamber  
2     is coupled to a DC air compressor located on a towing vehicle.

1     11. (Currently amended)The pressurized wheel hub of claim 1 including a polished ring  
2     sleeve securable to said axle and operatively associated with said oil seal, wherein said  
3     polished ring sleeve provides a machined surface to permit enhanced sealing with said  
4     oil seal.

5     12. (New) The pressurized wheel hub of claim 8, further comprising an air pressure  
6     gauge fluidly coupled to said closed air space.